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If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

ROCK OF AGES.

EDWARD T. REMICK.

VOICE.

PIANO.

*mp*

*p*

Rock of

A - ges - cleft for me. Let me hide my

A black and white photograph of a musical score for the hymn "Rock of Ages" by Edward T. Remick. The score is for voice and piano. The piano part is marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The voice part has lyrics: "Rock of Ages - cleft for me. Let me hide my". In the foreground, a lit candle in a brass candlestick sits on a lace doily. A pair of hands is clasped over an open book, likely a Bible, which is resting on a surface.

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## Readers' Response

I would like to say how much I enjoy the *Evangel* in my home. In these difficult times in which we are living, I am happy to have Christian literature in my home to read to my family.

My 5-year-old son likes to hear about the healings. I have certainly been helped by reading about prayer by Amos A. Ledford.

I hope I can always keep the *Evangel* in my home.  
—MRS. J. WILSON  
Daisy, Tenn.

I have just finished reading "When Up Seems Down," your editorial in the current edition of your church *Evangel*. It is a fine illustration of road travel beautifully applied to the Christian pilgrimage.

One of your fine ministers, Brother C. W. Collins, gave me a copy of the *Evangel*, and I have been well repaid for reading it. The sermons by Jack W. Simmons is reading worth-while and very timely for this day in which we are living.

—HUBERT T. SPENCE  
Pentecostal Holiness Church  
Virginia

I enjoyed the wonderful article entitled "The Second Chance" by Barbara Moore Page in the *Evangel* of January 9, 1961.  
—E. L. PETTY  
Shelby, N. C.

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# Editorial

## *Four Steps of Soul Winning*

### HOW TO SAVE A SINNER

**C**HRIST CAME into the world to save sinners. Knowing that the task would be gigantic and that His ministry would be short, He called men to assist Him in this work of winning the souls of other men.

*And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men (Matthew 4: 19).*

The winning of the lost has always been the primary work of Christianity. All other works, however important they may be, are secondary to the matter of saving souls. Christ wants us all to be soul-winners, regardless of the area of our Christian service. Pastors, teachers, writers, administrators, laymen and all other Christians are supposed to have a burden for the lost. Those who do not have this burden lack that which Christ has intended for them.

Any Christian who has become calloused and unconcerned about the condition of the unsaved is in danger himself, for all of us should feel a personal responsibility in the matter of winning the lost. A growing Christian is one who has a passion to lead the unconverted to Christ. Those who are themselves overwhelmed by the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ cannot help telling others about His wondrous love.

There are four basic points in the winning of the lost. All of us who would be soul-winners must follow them.

To win the lost, we must first *want them*.

Unless a desire to lead the lost to Christ is present in our hearts we will never become very effective in influencing them for Him. Our burden for the unconverted should be a consuming burden, one that drives us to our knees in prayer and one that goads us into ceaseless activity. Proverbs calls this a vision, without which the people perish (Proverbs 29:18).

When we sincerely catch the vision of winning the lost we will necessarily travail in prayer and intercession for them. Paul the Apostle knew such a burden. His hunger for lost souls was so great that he said:

*I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh (Romans 9:1-3).*

This must have been the same sort of burden that John Knox had when he prayed to God, "Give me Scotland or I die!" Unless we sincerely *want* to reach the unsaved we will do very little about it. The reason there are so few soul-winners among us is that there is so little desire. A burden for the lost will find a way to win them. Only prayer, fasting, and meditation in God's Word, together with our awareness of their condition, will bring the burden into our hearts.

If you do not now have this burden for the lost then you should pray that God will give you a burning desire to reach them. That is His will for us. None of us are to be excused, regardless of what excuses we may give. Christ has intended that all of us should be soul-winners. Some will win many to Him and others only a few, but all of us should be fishers of men.

Second, we must *approach them*.

Christ and His disciples went after sinners, and did not wait to be approached by them. We are never taught to wait until the unsaved person comes to us. We are to carry the good news to him. Peter and John carried the good news to the man at the gate. Peter went to the household of Cornelius; Philip went to the Ethiopian as he drove along in his chariot.

If we win only those sinners that come to us for help, then the number of souls we win will be small indeed. We must make the contact; we must bring up the subject of Christ; we must "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23). The unconverted are all about us, so we may approach them almost anywhere we will. They sit beside us on trains, buses and planes; they come to our homes as salesmen or beggars or friends; they work beside us in the offices, the mills, the factories and the fields; they serve us in the stores, the shops, the restaurants; the lost are everywhere.

It is not fitting that we should excuse our carelessness by saying that we are of a retiring, timid disposition. When we want to win the lost sufficiently, our timidity will disappear in our zeal to approach them with the word of salvation. Perhaps it will be with the use of a tract, followed by a word of encouragement; perhaps by an expression of concern during their period of distress; perhaps by the quotation of some Scripture to meet the problem of life.



However we must do it, we will find a way to approach the unsaved when our desire becomes great enough.

Third, we must *win them*.

Regardless of how good our intentions may be, the work of winning souls is not complete until we actually lead them into the fold of Christ. The man who shows himself friendly with sinners in the hope of winning them, but then fails to bring about their decision for Christ, has been little more than a pleasant fellow. We have won a friend but not a soul to Christ. We may have put the net of the Word about him, but we failed to land him for Christ. The entire purpose of association with the lost is to bring them to the moment of decision for Christ. We must help to effect their conversion by doing more than merely making reference to the saving grace of Christ; we must somehow encourage the unsaved person into making the decisive step for Him.

Our personal righteousness is an influence that will help to save a sinner. If our own lives are consistently Christian, then our unsaved friends and associates will be strongly influenced to begin the Christian life themselves. Our words, our actions, our attitudes must all be in harmony with our efforts. It is not enough, however, merely to be a good influence, or merely to have good intentions. After having the burden to win the lost, and after making the approach, we must then encourage that soul to make his commitment to Christ. Naturally, we must do this with prayer that Christ will draw them unto Himself. We must in prayer leave the result to Him, but we must also do our part.

God promises a reward for those who save sinners (Daniel 12:3), but there is no reward promised for those who merely want to save them or those who merely try to save them. We must complete the work before we are soul-winners.

Finally, we must *keep them*.

Once we have won the lost to Christ we must make sure that they are retained in His service. If all souls

that have been desired, approached and won to Him had been retained for Him, the kingdom of God would be much greater than it is today. We must assist young Christians by the sterling influence of our Christian lives. We must nurture them from newborn lambs into full grown sheep. We must give them the proper protection from the strifes of life until they are strong enough to weather the storms for themselves. We must give them the proper nourishment for the building of their own spiritual strength. Having won the lost to Christ, we cannot then dismiss them as a completed work. Only those that are kept for His use have been won in the end.

Naturally this depends upon their personal consecration, which is a response to the leadings of Christ. Still, there is a part that we have to do in the keeping of our Christian brothers.

The winning of souls is an urgent work. It cannot be delayed. It cannot be shirked. Any church that is not constantly reaching out to win the lost is a church that will soon dry up and waste away. Now the church as an institution cannot win the lost; but the church as men and women can. We are the church. We must win souls. It is your responsibility, and mine; we cannot always leave the winning of the lost to others. We must accept personal evangelism as our personal obligation to the lost.

The Christian life has many areas of service. All are necessary and all are good; the church could not well dispense of any. None of these, however, take the place of winning the lost. In addition to any service we may render for Christ, we must remember that He called us primarily to be fishers of men. Only when we are winning the lost to Him are we doing the work where unto He has called us.

*Charles W. Cunn*

## The Bible Speaks on "Witnessing"



**MARK 5:19** Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.



**ISAIAH 43:10**

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.



**ISAIAH 6:8**

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.



**MARK 16:15**

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

# The Birth of a Nation—

## Kingdom Sovereignty of Another World

By Clyde C. Cox

Pastor, Easley, South Carolina

THE PEOPLE HAD heard of the Kingdom of David, and lived within the walls of its sovereignty. The laws of God were written upon tables of stone, and the only contact with God was through the priesthood. The church in the wilderness was walled in; the sanctuary was closed by the means of a veil; only the high priest of God could enter the holy place and stand before the Lord. It was a dark, visible kingdom enclosing its subjects with earthly rule and order.

The law and the prophets were until John the Baptist: since that time the Kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. It is an invisible kingdom of light and righteousness. The laws of God are written in hearts and placed in minds. The Lord is God and the subjects are His people, for all know Him, from the least to the greatest. Christ has become the high priest of this new born nation of people, that they may come boldly unto the throne of grace, that they may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

When Christ died on Calvary, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. The way into the holy place was opened and a new nation of people was born. The kingdom subjects are not born of silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. The kingdom is not made up of the material things of this life, but is a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness. Paul describes the kingdom in this manner, "For the kingdom of God is

not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost," Romans 14:17.

Jesus very plainly set forth the aspects of the Kingdom of God to Nicodemus: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5. This is where the Holy Ghost takes over; the kingdom subjects are born of the *Spirit*. The door of the kingdom is Jesus Christ,

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*"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God . . ."*  
1 Peter 2:9, 10.

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and no man may enter except he be born of the Holy Ghost. Paul said, ". . . That no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost," 1 Corinthians 12:3.

*THE NEW BIRTH* brings a born again experience into our life. In this Spirit-birth our life is hid with God in Christ Jesus. We are become an *Holy Nation*, separated from the carnal law and ordinances that could never take

### The Constitution--Of The Almighty



away sin. For the carnal mind is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. We that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, are spiritually minded.

As new born babes in the Kingdom of God, we are not subjected to sin. Paul put forth this simple question, "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" John revealed the answer, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God," 1 John 3:9.

The love of God is the sure evidence that we are born again, and are the children of the kingdom. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God," 1 John 4:7. It is utterly impossible for man to refrain from sin without the new birth. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not," 1 John 5:18.

Worldly attraction of evil things has been pouring cold water upon the experience of Christians for some time. The love of many is waxing cold, because worldly iniquity is abounding more and more in our rank and file. We have learned how to love the world, but it is time to know how *NOT* to

love the world. If we love the things of the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, we are not of the Father, but are of the world. These things will pass away, but if we do the will of God, we shall abide forever.

The new birth in the kingdom of many spiritual blessings, gives us power to combat the evil forces of this world. John offers the solution, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith," 1 John 5:4. To conquer the evils of this world we must have the *victory*. In the new birth we have the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul added, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Corinthians 15:57. Many of today are like unto Demas, the fellow-servant of Paul, who loved this present world.

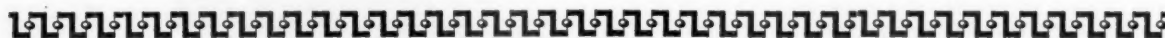
**SOME ARE** forsaking the right way, the way of holiness, and are going after the way Balaam, who loved the wages of unrighteousness. If it be true that the righteous soul of Lot, who dwelled among the wicked, was vexed day by day as he saw and heard their filthy conversation; how much more shall not the evils

of this life vex our soul. In the kingdom birth we are made new creatures and are not of the world, as He is not of the world. It is true that the world will know us not, but bear in mind that the world knew Him not.

It is high time that we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Jesus had this to say, "... No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

The Church of God has made the teachings of the new birth prominent, and it has become a doctrine that is defined in the *Declaration of Faith*.

The Kingdom of God was taken from the Jewish people because they would not bring forth fruit. "Therefore I say unto you, the Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Matthew 21:43. When we fail to "bring forth fruits thereof," we are coming short of the glory of God. The evidence is truly presented, we are convicted of our negligence of duty when we fail to produce the fruits of the new birth. We have removed our hand from the plough and are no longer an example of the Kingdom of God. "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3:7.



#### THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN

*To love our God with all our strength and will;  
To covet nothing, to devise no ill  
Against our neighbors; to procure or do  
Nothing to others which we would not do  
Our very selves; not to revenge our wrong;  
To be content with little; not to long  
For wealth and greatness; to despise or jeer  
No man, and, if we be despised, to bear;  
To feed the hungry; to hold fast our crown;  
To take from others naught; to give our own—  
These are his precepts, and alas, in these  
What is so hard but faith can do with ease?*

—Henry Vaughn







## INSURANCE BUILDING DEDICATED

MR. A. L. ROBERTS, executive manager of Pathway Mutual Insurance Company, announced today that the *PATHWAY BUILDING* which houses the home offices of Pathway Mutual Insurance Company and is located at 1250 E. Hillsboro Avenue, Tampa, Florida, was dedicated Monday evening, January 9, 1961. Open house was Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10, 11 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Dedication exercises were conducted by Pathway officials: E. C. Thomas, President; Houston R. Morehead, Vice President; Zeno C. Tharp, Chairman of Board; and A. L. Roberts, Executive Manager. The Reverend James A. Cross, General Overseer of the Church of God, gave the dedicatorial address. A large number of local and out-of-town guests were present.

Appraised at \$250,000, the two-floor steel and concrete building is completely air-conditioned with a central heating and cooling unit. It faces Hillsboro Avenue 100 feet on the north extending to a depth of 110 feet, with a 50 x 135 foot parking area in the rear. It was built by the C & C Construction Co., Tampa, Florida.

Pathway Mutual Insurance Company is the only fire insurance company domiciled in Florida with home offices in Florida. It began operation on June 1, 1957 and has rapidly grown to a thriving business with some \$20,000,000 of insurance in force.

From the home office on Hillsboro Avenue, Pathway services the

fire insurance needs of the Church of God throughout the nation. Through a subsidiary, Pathway Insurance Agency, all forms of insurance are provided the church and general public.

In addition to providing the home offices of Pathway Mutual

Insurance Company, the *PATHWAY BUILDING* will provide facilities for other businesses. It presently provides offices for Funds Investment of Florida, Joseph W. Farr and Associates, and American Mutual Insurance Company of Wakefield, Massachusetts.



(L. to R.) Houston R. Morehead, James A. Cross, M. M. Thomas, J. T. Roberts, A. V. Howell, A. L. Roberts, E. C. Thomas, A. M. Phillips, H. L. Chesser, Zeno C. Tharp.

**F**OR MANY MINUTES I sat looking at the picture. I think its image will never be erased from my mind. It was the picture of a Negro woman in the Congo who sat upon the earth and in her arms cradled a young boy whose body was wasted away to scarcely more than a shadow. The child was dying of hunger in her arms, and with her hand pressed against his mouth she looked as though she were trying to prevent the escape of his spirit. Upon her face was a look of the most pitiful anguish and unutterable grief that I've ever seen on a living thing. The accompanying article stated that many hundreds in the Congo are dying of starvation.

Over the newscast came word of the disintegration of the collective farms of China, where last year the millions of Chinese had been herded like beasts to work to produce food for the nation. Now they find the whole land in the claws of starvation because the collective farms have not been able to produce enough. In desperation the Chinese are turning upon the barren land, eating the grass or anything else edible. Sixty million are



expected to perish of starvation this year.

In Tibet, the thrifty people had stored grain and food for years, fearing a time of drought and famine. They wanted to be prepared. Hungry Chinese Communists, discovering this, overran the land, pillaged and plundered, butchered and slaughtered until nothing was left and starving Tibetans began straggling across the border into India, hoping to find help and food.

But in India it is no better. Overpopulated and unable to support its own miserable masses, it can't offer much relief to others. India too suffers from famine, and great numbers will die of starvation within a few months.

All over the earth there is a cry for food. There is a cry for help. This cry has penetrated my very heart. As I expressed my concern and distress again and again, a friend said, "Well, do something about it!" I have done the only thing I can do: I have fallen to my knees and wept and prayed for the suffering and the neglected of this world. I have begged God to move upon the responsible heads of governments and cause them to send bread to the hungry.

As I have prayed, masses of people have passed before my eyes. My prayer has reached out and embraced the little orphans who have no tender, loving parent to caress and care for them. These little ones will never be pressed to a mother's beating heart as I am

BOBBIE LAUSTER

# I Am My Brother's

able to press my little baby to mine and feel love so great that it almost overwhelms me.

Prisoners I have also seen. I have seen them chained and locked behind bars. I have seen them fettered by insanity, depression, alcohol, narcotics and many other strongly forged chains.

There was also another unending procession. It was made up of invalids, lepers, cripples,—people suffering from every known and unknown disease. The incurables passed by too, and I wept and wondered how God can look upon the misery Satan has inflicted upon this earth and upon His creation.

**MY THIN**, silken thread of prayer is not very strong—not nearly strong enough to do much good. But if people will let themselves and their hearts be broken for this suffering world and will add their silken threads of prayer to mine, they will soon form a heavy rope that will rescue the perishing, suffering masses.

To me it was significant that in the same newspaper reporting on countries gripped by famine, there was also an article stating that 30,000,000 Americans are overweight. These are running the gamut of diet fads and reducing methods, while a Negro mother watches the last breath flutter and leave the body of her starved child. Do not bony fingers point accusingly?

I don't know if this article will ever be printed, but the weight of it has finally become unbearable;



# Brother's Keeper

and I must put it on paper, even if it perishes.

I am thirty-one years old. I can well remember our country in the grip of the depression. In those days my father had just started preaching. The Pentecostal movement was made up of poor people. Our churches were often constructed of rough-edged boards with tin roofs. There were almost no parsonages. A good church paid fifteen or twenty dollars a week in tithes. Most pastors had to hold jobs, if they could get work, to support their family. Our home was typical of many others. There were no rugs on the floors and no curtains at the windows. Sunday dinner was often a soup made from twenty cents worth of soup bones. Our clothes were sewn from bleached sugar sacks. When our shoes wore out, we cut a piece of cardboard and put it inside them. Grits left over from breakfast were sliced and fried for dinner or supper. After school we were happy to eat an onion and a piece of cornbread for a snack. If we begged for cake, Mother would slice a biscuit and sprinkle it with sugar and a few drops of vanilla extract, and we were more than pleased. Our school lunch consisted of cold biscuits with mustard and fried potatoes between them. We drank water from a cup at the spigot where the other children drank too. We washed clothes in those days with one cake of soap and a rub board. Floors were swept with a straw broom and scrubbed with ashes.

Since this list could become almost endless, I will end it here.

If you find this funny or amusing, it ought not to be. It is very serious to me. Today as I look around me, I see our ministers dressed better than the very rich were dressed in the early days of our Church. They know the best brands of everything and buy them if at all possible. Our ladies are the loveliest they can be. They too can appreciate and generally afford the nicest things to be had. Their homes are modern and comfortable, and the garage often houses two cars instead of one. Today our membership includes many well-to-do people and people from the highest professions.

In retrospect, we have come a great distance. God has opened the windows of heaven and poured out His blessings upon us. He has prospered our people. Today we have well dressed people and lovely churches and parsonages. We are no longer poor. Our Church's assets are many and valuable.

God has also poured out vast spiritual blessings upon us. He has filled many thousands with the Holy Ghost. We, however, have not properly carried out the work of the Holy Ghost. God's plan in sending the Holy Ghost was to give His people *power*. They were to have power to witness and do the work that He had been doing. The Church, upon Christ's ascension, became the only hands, feet and lips that He has upon earth. He sent the Holy Ghost to make us Christ-

like that we might be able to carry on His work. The Church became His body upon this earth. This purpose has been defeated in far too many lives. Many accept the comforting presence of the Holy Ghost, His help in time of need and the blessing from speaking in other tongues; but after they have enjoyed His blessings, they stop.

God has not given us wealth to hoard. He has not given us power to keep. He has given it to us *to give*. If we do not make proper use of it, He will take it away and once more we will be struggling in poverty. If the Holy Ghost does not so possess us that we fearlessly go forth to witness, pray with power and do what we have been commissioned to do, He too will become grieved and God's blessings will no longer accompany us—either as a church or a person. What we do with what God has given us is extremely important. This world is starving spiritually and physically. We absolutely can do something about it. If we don't do it, we will be like that servant who took his Lord's money (talent) and buried it so that it made no gain for the Master.

Here are some of the questions



you will have to answer at the judgment bar of God. He will look at you and ask: "How could you have two cloaks when your neighbor had nothing with which to cover himself? How could you drive two or three cars when your neighbor crossed mountains on foot to carry the gospel because he did not even have a horse or a bicycle? How could you be thirty pounds overweight and spend hundreds of dollars on diet pills and fads when your neighbor wasted away and died of starvation? How could you sit in your plush, air-conditioned home when your neighbor was born, lived and died in the streets? How could you rejoice, shout and speak in other tongues when your neighbor had not even heard the name of Jesus or about His saving grace? How could you have so much of the plan of salvation revealed to you and let your neighbor perish, having never so much as heard of Calvary, because you did not go and you did not send? How could your church have overflowing treasuries when your neighbor's church was a damp cellar, a spreading tree, or the open sky?" How will you answer these questions now? How will you answer them then?

After searching my heart today, I can truthfully say that I would gladly eat just enough to keep alive if I could give from my well-filled table to the hungry. I can't do that literally, but there are things that I can do, and I will do them. When my Lord comes, He may not find that I have made great gain for Him, but at least He won't find my talent wrapped in a napkin and hid in the earth.

Do you feel like weeping for that poor Negro mother and child? It is well if your heart can be touched; but if this article does not open wounds in your heart and make you cry for a lost soul, then it has utterly failed. Starvation is terrible, but it does end—either with food or with death. The lost soul, however, will be crying out in the darkness throughout eternity. And now I dare to ask you, what my friend asked me, "Why don't you do something about it?"

## After Graduation, What Is Your Goal?

By J. H. Walker, Jr.

Dean of Lee Junior College

**C**ONGRATULATIONS. You have reached your goal. You have succeeded. You are above average. You are a high school graduate.

The fact that you are graduating from high school means that you have accomplished something that more than half of your fellow Americans have not accomplished. The average American girl has completed two months of the tenth grade, while the average boy has finished only five months of the ninth.

You can usually have what you want if you are willing to pay the price. Most goals can be successfully attained when certain conditions are met. You are graduating because you spent time and effort in your studies. But where do you go from here?

In one of the large state universities, each member of a graduating class was asked to indicate what he would like to have or be within the next ten years. Ten years later a follow-up was made to determine how successful each student had been in achieving his goal. A boy who desired to be a civil engineer held such a job with the public road commission in Texas. A girl who wanted to serve her fellow man was working as a public nurse in the Appalachian Mountains of eastern Kentucky. A boy who declared that he wanted a bank account of \$50,000 had just received a prison sentence of five years for theft. Each of these paid a price for success.

We usually think of price or cost in terms of money. But sometimes we must pay in ways other than money. Judas learned this when he betrayed Christ. It not only cost him his friendship and continued fellowship with Christ and the disciples, but his conscience drove him to take his own life.

Some of the most precious possessions cannot be measured in monetary terms. Some have no exchange value. To receive love, you

must love. To find complete happiness, you must give of yourself; you must put forth an effort and find time to serve.

**AGAIN,** THE price demanded of you may be the loss of your reputation, or the smirching of your character. When Joseph resisted the advances of Potiphar's wife, he was keeping himself clean and holy, for his goal was to please God and not to be consumed by fleshly lusts.

While in college a good friend of mine was offered \$150 a week if he would drive a car each Wednesday night a distance of approximately 100 miles. He needed the money. He wanted the job, but this easy money was tainted, for in the car was bootlegged whiskey. He considered the cost. It would make him a lawbreaker. If caught, he would be fined and his reputation damaged. His father was a minister, and part of the price would be the reflection upon his family. The price was too great. He refused.

When you determine your goals, consider every angle. Count the whole cost. Remember the advice of Solomon in his book of Ecclesiastes. He says that some people work for money, some for pleasures, others for a life of ease, or power, or prestige, or knowledge. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14).

So I ask you, what is your next goal? Is it above average? Is it pleasing to God? Have you counted the cost? Ten years from now what do you expect to accomplish? Where will you be and what achievements will you have?

You can usually have what you want but there will always be a cost.

# Man and missions

Church of God Missions Department  
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## Something for You to Do

### Warm Spirits in Chile

By Naomi Outhouse

**D**O YOU remember? Last year, through the long illness and death of a young man, a new church was started in Chile. A revival kindled because of so much prayer that had gone up. That revival is still in progress. The people have now built themselves a "shack" church. We only wish money were available to build them a good one, but in this little wooden temple they are forging ahead, and people are now not only being gloriously saved, but also being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Through the ladies' own initiative, a midweek afternoon meeting was started. You should hear the testimonies of what God is doing in their hearts and homes. They rejoice or cry as they testify to the change in their husbands and some of their relatives and children, as well as in themselves.

Eight weeks ago we sent a national pastor to Providencia, one of the best sections of Santiago. This is our very newest work. We helped him as much as possible to get a good start, and we already have an average of twenty-six people each Sunday in the Sunday School and more are becoming interested. This week we will have a door-to-door canvass and distribute colorful tracts with the address of

the new church on it. We are holding the services in a big living room thus far. We hope to be able to rent the entire house soon. There is a family living in part of it and they help to defray the expense of the rent, but we need the entire house to provide ample rooms for Sunday School and the youth services. Please pray about this. The owner is a Christian, and he has cut the rent almost in half, \$50 per month, so that the church might be started.

In almost all the churches and here in the Bible School, we have all-night prayer once each month, and our spirits are kept warm!

Of China's original eighteen provinces, one quarter of the total area is still unclaimed as the field of any mission, while many parts of the remaining three-fourths are yet unworked.

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If 1,000 missionaries were to land today in India, each one could have a parish all his own of 550 villages!

**T**HERE IS A NEED in the Philippine Islands for used clothing, literature for Sunday School, tracts and any other things that might be helpful in gospel work. Some of our churches will readily respond when they learn how easy it will be to supply these articles.

The following few lines will supply the correct answer to several inquiries in the past few weeks. The question has been, "What may I do with some good literature that I have gathered at my church?" and, "Our Sunday School class is gathering used clothing as a missions project. Where should we send it?"

Now, Brother Lovell R. Cary, our supervisor in the Philippines, has not only expressed the need, but has also suggested the simplest way to respond:

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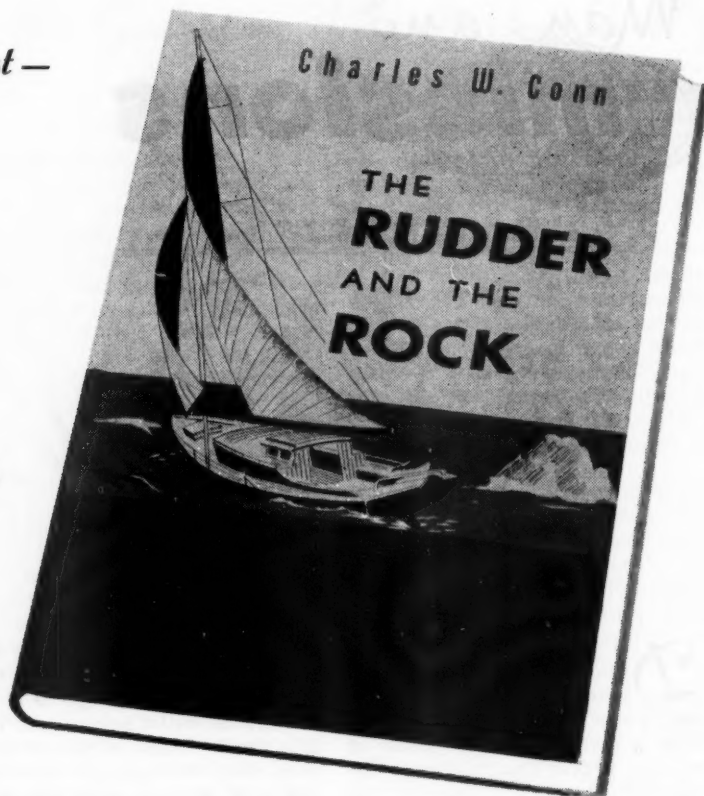


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## Michigan Bible and Prayer Conference

"This is the greatest; this is the best attended; this is the most challenging Bible and Prayer Conference that I have ever attended" were the statements made by numbers of the ministers and laymen of the State of Michigan. Surely the Lord of Glory must have been leading our fine State Overseer, Floyd Timmerman, as he arranged and directed this spiritual and soul provoking occasion. From the first service on Wednesday morning, January 18, at ten o'clock, when the ministers and laymen from over the field in the State of Michigan gathered into the newly acquired church property at Royal Oak where the Reverend Doyle Zachary is pastor, to the benediction on Thursday evening, our heavenly Father was smiling on us with lovely weather and with His Spirit. He drenched our very souls with the kindness of His Spirit; and if there were problems that one might have brought with them, they were soon lost in the divinity of God's eternal glory when our souls were caught up into the ecstasy and heavenly pictures that were portrayed to us. Such celebrities as Wade H. Horton, Assistant General Overseer; Ray H. Hughes, President of Lee College and Forward In Faith radio minister; Bennie S. Triplett, program director; W. Paul Stallings, Overseer of Missouri; and Tommy Day, Overseer of Wisconsin, had come to attend this conference. Each of these men brought dignity and grace to the meeting. The vibrancy of the Holy Ghost could be felt as they ministered unto us, along with the contribution of our State Overseer and the state ministers.

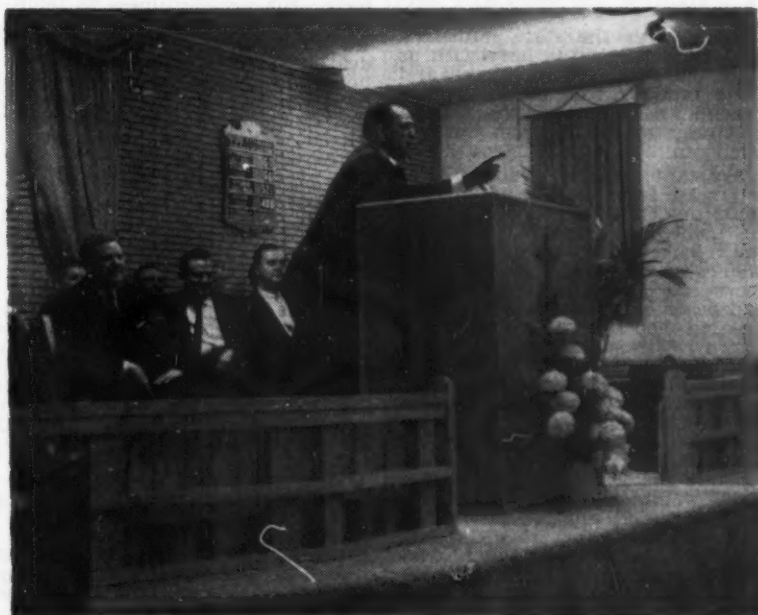
The first service arrested our

minds and brought us to the consciousness of the presence of God the Father, His Son, and the Holy Ghost. John E. Lemons, our State Sunday School and Youth Director, began this service, and each service thereafter, with a stirring congregational song. He seemed to be at his best, understanding the leading of the Spirit and adjusting his song selections accordingly. The special singing excelled in every respect. Contributions were made by the Van Dyke Choir, Brother and Sister Jerry Redman,

Annette Rich, the Lowe trio, Turner duet, John E. Lemons and Bennie S. Triplett. Oh! How the Lord did meet our needs through this good gospel singing.

Our state overseer started this great conference by speaking on "Christian Virtues." He read from 2 Peter 1:1. He led us into deep spiritual thinking in this first session. He spoke of the grace and peace that would be multiplied unto us through the knowledge of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. We were admonished to give all to diligence, to add to our faith virtue; "and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:5-8). Overseer Timmerman said, "If you do these things as a Christian there is no danger of falling." By this time we were already captured by the spirit of this great conference. Our hearts were strangely warmed by this message and by God's Spirit.

At eleven o'clock, the Reverend Paul Stallings read 2 Timothy 4:1, and admonished us to do the work of an evangelist. Overseer Stallings exhorted that every successful pastor must be able to do the work of an evangelist. He further stated that one of the qualifications for success was to have a vision: a vision of God, a vision of yourself, a vision of Calvary, and a vision



of the harvest fields. He concluded the message by encouraging us to give ourselves unreservedly to the labor of the Lord and His Church through dedication and to build upon the plan of God anointed by the Holy Ghost.

The afternoon service brought about a panel discussion on "The Minister and His Devotions" by Estel D. Moore; "The Minister and His Study" by E. E. Winters; "The Minister and His Influence" by S. E. Jennings. Following this panel, Reverend Tommy Day read from Proverbs 16:16, and brought us a soul-stirring message entitled "Better Than Gold." Overseer Day pointed out that there were some things in life greater than gold even with all the power and pleasure that gold can provide. He said "that the wise man asked God for wisdom, and all of these other necessities of life were added unto him, that God with all of his splendor should be the heartthrob of every Christian." Oh, how our hearts were moved by this message.

The picture in the upper right-hand corner represents the main auditorium which will seat some four hundred people and was filled to capacity. There was an overflow in the gymnasium that was adjacent to the auditorium. The overflow was nearly as large as the main auditorium congregation. The attendance was estimated by the pastor as seven hundred.

The picture on page 13 is of the Assistant General Overseer Wade H. Horton, as he ministered to the eager congregation on the first night of the two-night conference.

Along with the state ministers, we were privileged to have with us G. F. Kirby and C. C. Moree and their families from Canada. Also present was our Brother A. Galvan in charge of the Spanish work in Michigan.

Assistant General Overseer Horton read from Judges 16:28, and spoke on "Only This Once, O God." He pointed out that 3,000 Philistines looked down on a blighted man who was called out to make sport and entertain them. Samson had become a prisoner of the people that God had raised him up to destroy. The speaker said, "If the church isn't aware, she could find herself in the same condition; for there was a time when Samson sat on the bench and judged Israel for twenty years, but now he had lost his favor with God because of sin." One might have said, "I knew him when he killed 1,000 Philistines and whipped a lion, but he is powerless now, ragged, trodden down, and sorrowful at heart." Samson saw this one last opportunity to vindicate himself, even though he knew that it would cost



him his life. He said, "Only this once, O God." When the altar invitation was extended for salvation and consecration, there was not sufficient room for the hungry seekers. We were elevated right into the presence of God.

Thursday morning brought about another anticipated service as our capable state overseer read from the Scripture 1 Peter 2:21 and commented on the wonderfulness of Christ. Overseer Timmerman pointed out the need in the State of Michigan with these statistics: 57.9 per cent of the population of Michigan are unchurched, 22.9 per cent are Catholics, and only 18.9 per cent are Protestants. Then he gave us the remedy by declaring the wonderfulness of Christ in His birth; His wonderfulness in temptations, in evangelism, in teaching, in prayer, in love, in example, in death, in resurrection, in priesthood and in His return. We could have said never man spake like this, for our hearts were challenged with this message and we were ready to work.

At eleven o'clock, Wade H. Horton read from 1 Timothy 2:7 and preached to the preachers. Brother Horton set our souls afire again as he spoke about the personal call of the minister and stated with Paul in 1 Corinthians, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." He stated with words aglow, "My ministry is not for sale." Then he added; "Pure gospel out of a pure heart to a pure people is the need today."

The afternoon service brought about another panel discussion on "Our Responsibility to the General Program of the Church" by Luther E. Painter, O. W. Polen, and Ralph E. Day. Following this panel discussion, Bennie S. Triplett brought a wonderful message on "Faith." I am sure that those who heard this powerful sermon will

find it easier to trust God for every need in their lives.

The time for the Thursday evening service brought about much excitement as this was the concluding service and each service had gained momentum. The very air seemed to be permeated with the glory of God. It was almost as tangible as the electricity that was lighting the lovely edifice where we were worshipping. The first song was the cue for service and worship. The glory of God anointed Ray H. Hughes to preach straight from the throne of God. President Hughes read from the Song of Solomon, chapter 7, verse 11, and used the theme, "The Outreach of the Church." He spoke of the invitation and our response to this invitation. He burned into our hearts the need of going into the next town with this gospel. He stated, "Go after that which is lost as Philip did; we should run with haste, preach to the maim, the halt and the blind, to the down and out; for the Spirit said go, and Philip ran." Where should we go, questioned the speaker Hughes. "Into the whitened fields that are ready for harvest" was his answer. He stated that we should not only go forth, but we should go forth and lodge until we see victory. By this time the hearts of the congregation had so melted together with love that only Christ and the lost were important. We were challenged to go out and win the lost to God and Church at any cost. After a time of consecration around the altar, the dismissal prayer was offered and the congregation slowly eased away saying, "Did not our hearts burn within us. This was great." Yes, this was great, but one expected great things from the State of Michigan under such capable leadership as we have. We are looking forward to our next state gathering.

—Estel D. Moore





# testimonies

## Saved and Healed



Before

After

**ANTIGO, Wis.**—I never get tired of thanking God for His redeeming and saving power and for the great healing love that flowed through my body about 33 months ago. Just 33 months ago I was in sin and had, as some doctors pronounced my affliction, cancer of the spine; others pronounced it T.B. of the spine. There was some spinal deterioration in three different places. I had worn a cast and a steel brace for a number of years and had spent several thousand dollars for medicine, hospital and doctor bills with no relief or cure.

The doctors said there was no more to be done and that I would eventually be confined to a wheel chair. However, I was a firm believer in God's healing even when I was in sin. My wife had accepted Christ already. Then on March 18, 1958, I was healed and saved. I had got so bad I had to be helped up and down. My wife called Rev. Clifford Elliott, who was pastor at the Church of God here in Antigo, Wisconsin. He and three or four other church mem-

bers gathered at our home and prayed. Thank God, my back was instantly and completely healed. I haven't worn a cast or steel brace for 33 months. God's will and provision for us is abundant health. His will also includes love, peace, joy, faith and wisdom; and we must express these qualities in our lives if we want our bodies to stay healthy and to function as God intended them to function.

I can never thank Him enough for the cleansing, renewing, rebuilding, vitalizing, and perfecting part that God has played in my life. I knew before I was healed that God could heal, for I believed that with God all things are possible. Through faith and prayer I claim the perfect health that is mine.

—Chester Fraley

## Alcoholic Set Free

**LAWTON, Okla.**—Before the Lord saved me in 1955, I was an alcoholic. I stayed under the influence of alcohol for about 4 years—day and night. I couldn't sleep unless I was half drunk. I also was so nervous I could hardly write my name. It was the same thing over and over, night after night: I would wake up, light a cigarette, and go back to sleep. At times I would go to sleep with the lighted cigarette and catch the bed on fire. The police broke the door down one night in order to get me out of the fire.

Then one day the Lord said it was enough. He sent the Holy Ghost and convicted me of my sins and Jesus saved my miserable soul. Praise His name! Now I am serving Him 24 hours a day. I love the Lord and I mean to be true to Him. All is different now. Glory!

—H. E. Elkins

## Baby Healed of Pneumonia

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.**—I promised the Lord that if He would heal my 6-week-old daughter of double pneumonia, I would testify to the healing in the *Evangel*. The baby

only weighed seven pounds when we put her in the hospital. Being so tiny, the doctor had to keep her in the oxygen tent 7 days to help her breathe. The Lord healed my baby and blessed her so, that she didn't even lose much weight. I thank the Lord for His goodness to me and I want to give Him all the praise and glory.

Help me to pray for her continued growth, and pray for my lost loved ones. —Mrs. Chapman

## Healed of Epilepsy

**SHELBY, Ohio**—I praise God for healing me and making me whole. I had come to the place where I knew that God was the only one who could do anything for me. I was on the verge of losing my mind. Since the age of 7 I had been an epileptic.

Hundreds of dollars had been spent on me; I am now 31.

On December 18, 1960, while Sister Evelyn Leedy was holding a God-sent revival at the Shelby, Ohio, Church of God, I asked her to pray for me. She prayed and praise God, two demons were cast out and I was healed, set free and made whole. I will never forget it.

Our revival lasted three weeks. I threw all my medicine away. I want to give God all the glory and all the praise.

There is no limit to what God can do. He can do for you what He did for me. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

—Ruth Pierce

## Healed by Laying on of Hands

**PALMETTO, Fla.**—I want to add my testimony to the many others that I read in our paper. It is wonderful what God can and will do for His children.

Last Sunday when I went to church, I was aching all over; I had been sick for two days. Suddenly, I looked at Brother Coleman's hands, and I felt that if he were to lay his hands on me I would be healed. Praise the Lord! I was healed. I love the Lord and thank Him.

—Sister Nellie O'Steen

## Doubts and Fears Banished

**HICKORY, N. C.**—About six months ago I promised God that I would testify in the *Evangel* if He would free me from terrible doubts and fears that only He understands. He did that for me and has helped me so very much that I want to praise Him for it. No one but God can deliver when you are filled with fear and doubt; He understands. Pray for me, and please pray for my sister who is in great need of prayer. Pray also for our church.

—Mrs. J. P.

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